

## **MINUTES**

### **CONFERENCE CALL**

January 10, 2002

1:20 pm

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) conference call was called to order by board chair, Amy Benz. All board members were available for the call. Board members present were Laura Carney, Chris Douthit, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad. Others present were ESPB office personnel Deb Jensen, Diane Weber, Janet Welk; NDEA representative Joe Westby, DPI Assistant Superintendent Gary Gronberg and legal council from the Attorney General's Office Bill Peterson.

### **CASES**

#### **Delorme, Greg**

Bill Peterson asked the board to rethink their decision to revoke Mr. Delorme's license. After a lengthy discussion, the board did not change their decision. Bill indicated to the board that he will start the revocation process.

#### **Keily, Michelle**

The office has received additional information from Ms. Keily. The information arrived too late for the board packet mailing. Ms. Keily's case will be discussed at the February meeting.

#### **Keily, Michael**

The Tappen school system did make a response but did not include a copy of the school's master contract. Janet will contact the school for this information. The board would then like to review both Keily files at the February meeting.

#### **Newton, Jeremy**

A motion was made by Jack to issue a two-year, interim reciprocal license. Seconded by Laura. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Chris Douthit, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad. Mr. Newton's license application was brought before the board because of his background check.

#### **Olson, Luther**

The board decided to dismiss the request for inquiry. A motion was made by Kirk to have Janet notify the school that ESPB will not suspend a license when the school board has accepted a resignation and released an educator from his/her contract. Seconded by Jack. Motion carried. Board members who agreed to the motion were Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness,

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Dan Vainonen, Kirk Welstad, Amy Benz, Chris Douthit, Randy Gordon and Doug Johnson. Mr. Olson's license was brought before the board for a possible breach of contract with the Belcourt school system. He was employed as a high school math instructor.

**Worrel, Alan**

Janet informed the board that ESPB office associate, Lauri Nord, is still transcribing trial tapes. Hopefully, Lauri will be able to complete the tapes by the end of January. Jonathan Byers will be attending the February board meeting regarding the Worrel trial.

**Balzer, Lance**

A motion was made by Laura to issue a two-year, initial license. Seconded by Randy. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Chris Douthit, Randy Gordon, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad. Doug Johnson voted no. Mr. Balzer's license application was brought before the board because of his background check.

**Eddy, Kurt (Adm)**

Janet informed that board that additional information has been received but arrived after the board mailing. Mr. Eddy's license file will be available for discussion at the February meeting.

A motion was made by Laura to approve the December minutes as written. Seconded by Chris. Motion carried. Board members in agreement were Kirk Welstad, Dan Vainonen, Bev Sandness, Jack Rasmussen, Marianna Malm, Doug Johnson, Randy Gordon, Chris Douthit, Laura Carney and Amy Benz.

The financial report was unavailable because of server failure.

Janet reported that Amy read the administrative rule changes for the public hearing that was held on January 7<sup>th</sup>. There was no public comment. Janet indicated that DPI may submit written comment regarding the code of ethics and testing. Twenty-two people will be participating in the PPST validation study at the Radisson on January 16.


Deb informed the group that PAAC had just completed the review results from the October program approval site visits from Turtle Mountain Community College, Valley City State University and University of North Dakota. PAAC recommended programs for Valley City State University and University of North Dakota receive continuing approval w/stipulations and Turtle Mountain Community College receive initial approval w/stipulations.


Deb and Janet will work with Gary in drafting up a letter of support and give advice to Sitting Bull College on the development work for a special education program.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7th.

  
Chair  
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Secretary/Executive Director

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